

MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes of: Special Meeting of Milpitas City Council
Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room
455 East Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas

ROLL CALL

Mayor/Chair Esteves called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Esteves, Vice Mayor Montano, and Councilmembers Barbadillo, Giordano and Grilli

ABSENT: None

Also present were members of the Community Advisory Commission (CAC) including Chair Samantha Beard and Chair of the Trees Subcommittee Ray Maglalang.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the agenda

Motion/Second: Councilmember Grilli/Vice Mayor Montano

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

STUDY SESSION

Planning Director Steven McHarris gave an overview of past history regarding tree planting in Milpitas, and the report from Community Advisory Commissioners to plant hundreds of trees around the perimeter of Milpitas to provide a defining entry way to the City. He identified a Streetscape Master Plan from 2000, which still exists. The Community Advisory Commission had included a tree planting program as part of its current work plan, and members recommended planting of jacaranda trees at city entry ways.

Developers could possibly fund landscape architect services when projects were approved by City Council. City Attorney Ogaz confirmed to Councilmember Giordano that some park in lieu fees by developers could pay for tree planting.

CAC Commissioner Ray Maglalang explained that all trees were recommended for planting would be within City right-of-way, not on any private property. He and other Commissioners explained grant funds available from Our City Forest (OCF) for this project, which sought matching funds from the City. The Commissioners suggested \$25,000 from the City budget was needed to get started in 2015. Approximately 2,000 or more trees would ultimately be necessary to plant around the boundary of the City of Milpitas.

Mayor Esteves recommended that the Commission return to City Council with a long range plan which included staff estimates to maintain that many trees in the long term, as well review of the inventory of current trees. Councilmembers commented further, with all in support of additional trees added to the City to

make it more vibrant and attractive. Hiring a landscape architect for this project was recommended by several staff, Council and Commissioners.

A recommendation to the City Council could be made this month in the short term that includes use of the OCF grant funds and immediate tree planting plans for 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor/Chair Esteves adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM. City Council moved to the second floor of City Hall for the regularly scheduled meeting.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council on January 20, 2015.

Mary Lavelle
Milpitas City Clerk